

U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics

MEMBER / OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must **complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 135 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Name of Traveler: Juan Vargas
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: Adrienne Vargas or None ☐  
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: April 7, 2015 Return: April 12, 2015  
b. Dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_ or None ☒
4. Departure city: San Diego, CA Destination: Berlin, Germany Return city: San Diego, CA
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): German Marshall Fund of the United States; Robert Bosch Stiftung
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): See attached.
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):
  - a. ☒ a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
  - b. ☒ the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
  - c. ☒ page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the Member or officer; **and**
  - d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (*Signify that statement is true by checking box*): ☒  
b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 4/21/15

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Committee on Ethics**

**SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM**

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. ***A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.*** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): German Marshall Fund of the United States; Robert Bosch Stiftung
2. Travel Destination(s): Berlin and Elmau, Germany
3. Date of Departure: April 7, 2015 Date of Return: April 12, 2015
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Congressman Juan Vargas and Adrienne Vargas  
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$9100.18	\$1684.60	\$348.90	N/A
Accompanying Relative	\$9100.18	N/A	\$348.90	N/A

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (Signify statement is true by checking box): ☒

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Karen E. Donfried Ingrid Hamm  
Name: Karen Donfried / Ingrid Hamm Title: President / CEO  
Organization: German Marshall Fund of the United States / Robert Bosch Stiftung

**I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box):** ☒

Address: 1744 R St NW / Heidehofstr 31, D-70184  
Washington, DC 20009 / Stuttgart, Germany  
Telephone number: +1 202 683 2650 / +49 711 460 840  
Email Address: kdonfried@gmfus.org / ingrid.hamm@bosch-stiftung.de

*Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.*

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

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Committee on Ethics**

**TRAVELER FORM**

1. Name of Traveler: Juan Vargas
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): German Marshall Fund of the U.S.;  
Robert Bosch Stiftung
3. Travel destination(s): Berlin, Germany and Elmau, Germany
4. a. Date of departure 4/7/15 Date of return: 4/12/15  
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If yes, dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
b. If yes:  
(1) Name of accompanying relative: Adrienne Vargas  
(2) Relationship to traveler: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: ☒ Yes ☐ No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (*i.e.*, travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: ☒ Yes ☐ No  
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.  
See attached.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? ☐ Yes ☐ No

10. **FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:**

**ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL**

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Employing Member

8. As a Member of Congress, I am keenly interested in developing a greater understanding of the key legislative topics of the 114th Congress through our transatlantic relationship. During the Congress-Bundestag Forum Classic, I will have the opportunity to interact and engage with my German counterparts on issues related to immigration, terrorism, the rebalance towards the Pacific and the new face of political populism. I hope this experience will expand my understanding of the political dynamics both in the U.S. and abroad in order to provide solutions to current policy questions before the U.S. House of Representatives.

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**PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM**

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site ([ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): \_\_\_\_\_  
German Marshall Fund of the United States; Robert Bosch Stiftung
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒
3. Check only one: I represent that:
  - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip ☒ or
  - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds ☐ or
  - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities. ☐If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members and employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):  
Congressman Juan Vargas was invited to participate due to his interest in transatlantic relations and international affairs.
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
6. Date of departure: April 7, 2015 Date of return: April 12, 2015
7.
  - a. City of departure: San Diego, CA
  - b. Destination(s): Berlin, Germany and Elmau, Germany
  - c. City of return: San Diego, CA
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ or
  - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
9. Check one of the following:
  - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ☒
  - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
  - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ or
  - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_



10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (indicate agenda is attached by checking box): ☒

11. Check one:

- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒ or  
b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

GMF seeks to promote cooperation between the United States and Europe on transatlantic and

global issues. Robert Bosch Stiftung is a German foundation that supports projects in many important fields, including international relations. This forum brings together U.S. and German

lawmakers for policy discussions. GMF and Bosch are responsible for all aspects of the trip, including the recruitment of participants and the formation of the agenda.

13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.

- a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)  
b. Class of travel: Coach ☐ Business ☒ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)  
c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒

15. I represent that either (check one of the following):

- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ or  
b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation: ☒

If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximately \$140 per day.

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
The Congress Bundestag Forum alternates each year between a city in the United States and Germany. Berlin is the seat of the German government, and Elmau was selected due to its superior conference facilities.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel name: Regent Hotel City: Berlin, Germany Cost per night: \$239

Reason(s) for selecting: Proximity to meeting sites in Berlin.

Hotel name: Schloss Elmau City: Elmau, Germany Cost per night: \$280

Reason(s) for selecting: Superior conference facilities.

Hotel name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost per night: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$6000	\$1318	\$700
For each accompanying relative	\$6000	N/A	\$700

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	N/A	N/A
For each accompanying relative	N/A	N/A

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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. ☒ *or*  
b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: *Karen Donfried* *Ingrid Hamm*  
Name: Karen Donfried Ingrid Hamm  
Title: President CEO  
Organization: German Marshall Fund Robert Bosch Stiftung  
Address: 1744 R St NW Washington DC 20009 Heidehofstr 31, D-70184, Stuttgart, Germany  
Telephone number: +1 202 683 2650 +49 711 460 840  
Email address: kdonfried@gmfus.org ingrid.hamm@bosch-stiftung.de

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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1015 Longworth House Office Building  
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## U.S. House of Representatives

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The Honorable Juan Vargas  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1605 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Germany, scheduled for April 7 to 12, 2015, sponsored by the German Marshall Fund of the United States and the Robert Bosch Stiftung.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$375 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$375] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.



The Honorable Juan Vargas  
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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

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Charles W. Dent  
Chairman

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Linda T. Sanchez  
Ranking Member

CWD/LTS:wfs

## AGENDA

Congress-Bundestag Forum  
Berlin and Schloss Elmau, Germany  
April 8 - 12, 2015

Wednesday, April 8

\*U.S. Members of Congress arrive in Berlin on individual travel itineraries

Transport to the hotel is provided. Please look for a "Congress Bundestag Forum" sign upon arrival.

Accommodation: The Regent Hotel  
Charlottenstraße 49  
10117 Berlin  
Tel. +49 30 20338

**15:15**                    **Meet in hotel lobby to depart for U.S. Embassy briefing  
(business attire)**

**15:30– 16:30**           **U.S. Embassy briefing with Ambassador John Emerson**  
Location: U.S. Embassy Berlin, Pariser Platz 2

**16:30**                    Return to hotel to pick up spouses and guests

**16:45– 18:30**           **Historic overview of Berlin - 25 years after the fall of the Wall  
with guide Stefan Albrecht**

**18:30 – 20:00**           **Dinner Discussion on Current Politics in Germany**  
**Welcome from:**  
**Sandra Breka**, Senior Vice President, Robert Bosch Stiftung  
**Barry Lowenkron**, Executive Vice President, GMF  
**Journalist Panel: Martin Klingst**, Senior Political Correspondent, *die Zeit*  
**Christiane Meier**, ARD Morning Show  
Location: Berlin Representative Office of the Robert Bosch Stiftung  
Französische Straße 32

**20:00 – 20:15**           Return to Regent Hotel

**Thursday, April 9**

- starting at 6:30** Breakfast available in Restaurant Fischers Fritz.  
**Please have passport with you**  
**(business attire)**  
*\*guests and spouses will meet group back at hotel for airport transfer*
- 9:15 – 10:30** **Prospects for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership**  
**Discussion with Stormy-Annika Mildner**, Head of Department External  
Economic Policy, Federation of German Industries (BDI)  
Location: The Regent Hotel
- 10:30 – 11:00** Transfer to German Federal Foreign Office
- 11:00 – 12:00** **Transatlantic Cooperation for Foreign Policy Challenges**  
**Meeting with State Secretary Stephan Steinlein**  
Location: German Federal Foreign Office, Kurstraße entrance
- 12:00 – 12:30** Transfer to Restaurant Paris-Moskau
- 12:30 – 13:30** **The Future of Europe**  
**Luncheon discussion with François Heisbourg**, Richard von Weizsäcker  
Fellow, Robert Bosch Academy  
Location: Restaurant Paris-Moskau, Alt-Moabit 141
- 13:30 – 14:00** Transfer to German Federal Ministry of the Interior
- 14:00 – 15:00** **Intelligence Sharing**  
**Meeting with State Secretary Emily Haber**  
Location: German Federal Ministry of the Interior, Alt-Moabit 101 D
- 15:00** Return to hotel for check-out and loading luggage on bus

16:00 – 16:30      Depart hotel for Stasi Archives (casual attire)

16:30 – 17:30      **The GDR's System within East German Society**  
Visit Stasi Archive with **Dagmar Hovestädt**, Spokesperson of the Federal  
Commissioner for the Stasi Records

17:30                **Depart for airport (snack box will be provided on bus)**

19:35                Fly to Munich on LH 2047

20:45                Arrive in Munich and transfer to Schloss Elmau  
Accommodation: Schloss Elmau  
82493 Elmau/Oberbayern  
Tel. +49 8823 18 0

\*German Members of the Bundestag arrive on individual travel itineraries and will receive dinner coupon at Schloss Elmau reception desk.

#### Friday, April 10

**starting at 7:30**      Buffet breakfast at La Salle Restaurant  
(business casual)

8:30 – 8:45          **Welcome from:**  
**Ingrid Hamm, Chief Executive Officer, Robert Bosch Stiftung**  
**Barry Lowenkron, Executive Vice President, GMF**  
Location: Enzian Meeting Room

8:45 – 9:45          Introductions among lawmakers and facilitated discussion on priorities in the  
transatlantic relationship  
**Julius Goldmann, Consultant, Return on Meaning**

- 09:45 – 11:30      A Map of the Middle East**  
**Julien Barnes-Dacey**, Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations
- 11:45 – 12:45      Working Lunch: Debrief of Morning Sessions**  
 Discussion continues between Members of Congress and Members of the Bundestag on current events in the Middle East and priorities in the transatlantic relationship.  
 Location: Kaminstüberl
- 13:00 – 14:15      Terrorism at Home and Abroad**  
**Souad Mekhennet**, journalist and author  
 Location: Enzian Meeting Room
- 14:15 – 15:30      Reflections on the Rebalancing To Asia**  
**Walter Ladwig**, Assistant Professor, King's College London
- 16:00 – 18:15      History of Schloss Elmau**  
 Discuss with **Dieter Müller-Elmau**, Proprietor, Schloss Elmau
- 19:30 – 21:30      In Search of Stability: forecasting the next crisis**  
**Dinner discussion: Tom Wilson**, Group Chief Risk Officer, Allianz SE  
 Location: Restaurant Luce d'Oro

#### **Saturday, April 11**

- starting at 7:30      Buffet breakfast at La Salle Restaurant**  
**(business casual)**
- 9:00 – 10:30      Relations with Russia**  
**Fyodor Lukyanov**, Richard von Weizsäcker Fellow, Robert Bosch Academy  
 Location: Enzian Meeting Room



- 10:30 – 12:00      Strengthening Transatlantic Relations**  
**Facilitated discussion:** **Julius Goldmann**, Consultant, Return on Menaing
- 12:00 – 13:30      Luncheon discussion on Digital Transformation**  
**Ansgar Baums**, Head of Berlin Office, Hewlett-Packard Company  
**Henning Loeser**, Head of Technology Development Thermal & Mechanical  
Joining and Coordinator Smart Factor, Audi  
Location: Kaminstüberl
- 13:45 – 15:15      The New Anti-Americanism**  
**Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger**, Chairman, Munich Security Conference  
Location: Enzian Meeting Room
- 15:15 – 17:45      Bilateral Discussions**  
Each Member of Congress will be paired with a Member of the German Bundestag. Each pair will be encouraged to discuss their thoughts on the outcomes of the sessions and what they view as the future of the transatlantic relationship. Experts from the weekend will be available to contribute to discussions.
- 19:00 – 21:00      Closing Dinner: Wrap-up from Congress-Bundestag Forum**  
**Sandra Breka**, Senior Vice President, Robert Bosch Stiftung  
**Barry Lowenkron**, Executive Vice President, GMF  
Location: Restaurant Wintergarten

**Sunday, April 12**

**starting at 7:30      Buffet breakfast at La Salle Restaurant**

\* German Members depart on individual itineraries.

\* U.S. Members depart on individual travel itineraries.

## AGENDA

Congress-Bundestag Forum Classic  
Berlin and Schloss Elmau, Germany  
April 8 - 12, 2015

### Tuesday, April 7

\*American Members depart the U.S. on individual travel itineraries.

### Wednesday, April 8

\*American Members of Congress arrive in Berlin on individual travel itineraries

Transport to the hotel is provided. Please look for a "Congress Bundestag Forum" sign upon arrival.

Accommodation: The Regent Hotel  
Charlottenstraße 49  
10117 Berlin  
Tel. +49 30 20338

15:00            **Meet in lobby to depart for historic look at Berlin 25 years after the fall of the Wall followed by U.S. Embassy briefing**

15:30 – 16:45    **Visit Berlin War Memorial at Bernauer Strasse**

16:45 – 17:45    **U.S. Embassy briefing with Ambassador John Emerson**

17:45 – 18:00    Transfer to dinner location

18:00 – 19:30    **Dinner Discussion on Current Politics in Germany**

### Thursday, April 9

9:00 – 9:30       Depart hotel for ministries  
                      \*Please have passport with you

9:30 – 12:00      **German government meetings**

<b>12:30 – 13:45</b>	<b>Luncheon Discussion on Immigration and Integration</b>
<b>14:15 – 15:45</b>	Visit Stasi Archive with <b>Roland Jahn</b> , Federal Commissioner for the Stasi Records
<b>16:15 - 16:45</b>	Return to hotel for check-out and loading luggage on bus
<b>16:45 – 17:00</b>	Walk to Robert Bosch Foundation
<b>17:00 – 18:00</b>	<b>Discussion on Populism</b> (light meal will be served)
<b>18:00 – 18:30</b>	Depart for airport
<b>19:35</b>	Fly to Munich on LH 2047
<b>20:45</b>	Arrive in Munich and transfer to Schloss Elmau
Accommodation: Schloss Elmau 82493 Elmau/Oberbayern Tel. +49 8823 18 0	

\*German Members of the Bundestag arrive in Berlin on individual travel itineraries

#### Friday, April 10

<b>starting at 7:30</b>	Buffet breakfast at La Salle Restaurant
<b>9:00 – 10:00</b>	Introductions among lawmakers and facilitated discussion on priorities in the transatlantic relationship
<b>10:00 – 10:15</b>	Coffee break
<b>10:15 – 11:45</b>	<b>Cold War Redux</b>

12:00 – 13:30      **In Search of Stability: are currency fluctuations and commodity swings the new norm?**

**Luncheon Discussion**

13:45 – 15:00      **Terrorism at Home and Abroad**

15:30 – 18:30      Group Excursion and Personal work period

19:00                **Dinner discussion on the Middle East**

#### **Saturday, April 11**

**starting at 7:30**      Buffet breakfast at La Salle Restaurant

9:00 – 10:30        **Reflections on the Rebalancing Toward Asia**

10:30 – 10:45       Coffee break

10:45 – 12:00       **Innovation and the Digitization of Society**

12:15 – 13:30       **The New Anti-Americanism**

13:45 – 15:00       **Strengthening Transatlantic Relations**  
Facilitated discussion

15:00                Personal work period

18:30                Closing dinner

#### **Sunday, April 12**

**starting at 7:30**      Buffet breakfast at La Salle Restaurant

\* German Members depart on individual itineraries.

\* U.S. Members depart on individual travel itineraries.

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